

**Amendments to the Claims:**

Claims 1-6 are currently being amended.

Claim 9 is being added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate defined status identifier.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

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1. (Currently Amended) A product repairing method comprising the steps of:

receiving a request from a user for repairing a product;

selling a replacement part to said user in response to the request, provided that the replacement part necessary for said requested repair is in stock;

retrieving repair subscribers having said replacement part by means of a computer storing a subscribers data base accumulating information on a plurality of repair subscribers, and procuring said replacement part from a repair subscriber that is one of the repair subscribers having said replacement part, provided that said replacement part necessary for the requested repair is not in stock; and

repairing said product by using said replacement part.

2. (Currently Amended) The product repairing method according to claim 1, wherein, if said replacement part necessary for the requested repair is not in stock, the step of procuring said replacement part from said repair subscriber includes the steps of:

receiving deposit of the price of said replacement part from said user;

receiving consignment of said replacement part from said repair subscriber;

supplying said replacement part to said user; and

paying the price to said repair subscriber.

3. (Currently Amended) The product repairing method according to claim 1, wherein, if said replacement part necessary for the requested repair is not in stock, the step of procuring said replacement part from said repair subscriber includes the steps of:

disclosing information on the possible procurement of said replacement part to said plurality of repair subscribers by way of a web site;

inputting information on the replacement part to be sold to said web site by any of said plurality of repair subscribers having an intention of selling the replacement part;

selecting a repair subscriber that is one of said repair subscribers having the intention of selling the replacement part; and

procuring the replacement part from the selected repair subscriber.

4. (Currently Amended) The product repairing method according to claim 3, wherein said information on the replacement part to be sold includes a suggested price at which said replacement part is to be sold and said repair subscriber is selected when the input suggested price does not exceed an upper limit set by said user and is the lowest among the suggested prices input by said repair subscribers having an intention of selling the replacement part.

5. (Currently Amended) The product repairing method according to claim 1, wherein said request from said user for repairing the product is received by way of a web site.

6. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 1, wherein said replacement part is sold to said user by way of a web site.

7. (Original) A product repairing apparatus comprising:

an input/output device connectable to a plurality of repair subscribers, said input/output device having:

a repair reception section adapted to receive an input of a request for a repair of a product from one of said repair subscribers;

a replacement part sales section adapted to input/output information on a possible sale of the replacement part to the requesting repair subscriber provided that the replacement part necessary for the requested repair is in stock; and

a replacement part procuring section adapted to input/output information on a procurement of the replacement part from any of the repair subscribers other than the repair subscriber requesting the repair provided that the replacement part is not in stock; and

a memory device storing information on said repair subscribers as a data base.

8. (Original) The product repairing apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said input/output device has an escrow section adapted to receive consignment information of said replacement part input by said repair subscribers having an intention of selling the replacement part and also to receive deposit information of a price of said replacement part

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input by said requesting repair subscriber in order to realize the sale/purchase of the replacement part between said repair subscribers.

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9. (New) The product repairing method according to claim 1, wherein the user is one of the plurality of repair subscribers.

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